

This Sequence Listing (both paper and computer readable form) is identical to that submitted to the PTO by way of the Amendment and Response filed by applicants on September 5, 2002; the remarks and comments related to the Sequence Listing made in the September 5th submission are incorporated herein by reference.

A Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 *et seq.* and a copy of the Notice to Comply are also provided.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks and amendments above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of the invention are fully compliant with the requirements related to applications containing sequence disclosures. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited at the earliest opportunity.

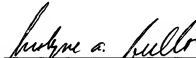
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